

COVID 19

Friday Follow-up

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Clayton School District

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Hello, Clayton Families!

School is Out for the Summer!!

- As I sit here thinking about today, May 29th as the last day on our calendar for this school year, I can't stop thinking about how the end was so very different from what any of us would have predicted. While the usual activities did not happen during this last week. Students that came in to turn in their technology and other items were excited to see some of our staff in person, even if they were wearing masks, and sitting behind a table, and it was for just a moment.

New Administrative Team

- Today also marks the end of the first year for almost all of the district administrative staff. Even though I've been in the Clayton District since 1988, I took on the lead position this year, and could never have imagined how this year would go.
- Mr. Brian Nadeau became the new Principal and the instructional leader, helping the teachers to develop new and innovative ways, to provide support to your children, through their action groups. Even with these last two months going in a direction that nobody could have predicted, he was working closely with the teaching staff to provide support in multiple ways. Mr. Nadeau's assistance to me during this year has also been invaluable, in many ways.
- With Mrs. Seeger retiring we brought in Mr. Jeremy Schradle as the District Business Manager / Accountant. He did some training into January with Mrs. Seeger and then took the reins and has been working hard to learn specifics about our district finances, as well as many new financial expectations, based on the current COVID-19 Pandemic regulations coming out weekly.
- We have a solid team in place and we all look forward to doing what ever we can for our students as we plan for next year.

SENIORS:

- By now in a normal Spring you senior students would have finished up everything and been long gone. But most of you have never aspired to doing things normal. You have pushed yourselves as a class to be unique and developed your individual personalities, which is our hope, every year, for all graduates of Clayton High School.
- A few of you were not able to come in this week to drop off school items. Please do that early next week so that you can participate in the upcoming senior activities being planned.

Senior Events, yet to happen...

- Speaking of upcoming activities, a senior recognition day has been arranged for Thursday June 4th. Each senior with only their immediate family, will have an opportunity to go through a diploma ceremony at the school, that will be video and audio recorded. We will make it available to watch later in the summer, and plan to have it broadcast by radio also.
- A “Parade Past the Seniors” is also being arranged for the evening of June 4th. Watch for specific information regarding these senior student events coming out early next week.
- While I’m not sure how many more of these videos I will do, or how many more times I will have items to relay to your class, please note that if you need anything that you think we can help with, don’t hesitate to contact someone here and we will do what we can to provide some assistance.

Food Delivery:

- As you have already heard in previous weeks, we will be packaging and delivering meals through the month of June with the last day being June 30th.
- Because the weather is turning warmer we need to keep the food cold, a little longer, when we drop it off. Please help us by:
 - Keeping your coolers accessible and dry inside.
 - Being aware of the drop off and taking the food inside as soon as possible.
 - Noting that the milk has been frozen, to provide a cold pack, and letting it thaw before serving.
 - Milk does not lose its flavor or nutritional value when frozen
 - Letting the office know if you are going on a trip or do not need delivery on any given day or during any week

Bears Club Child Care reopening!

- We do have permission to reopen the Child Care Center in our building. We will reopen beginning on June 8th and our hours during this restart phase will be 7:00 to 4:30. Families already signed up for care are being contacted. If you need child care please contact the school so that we can get your family signed up.
- We are implementing additional disinfecting plans, and will provide appropriate social distancing training. If you wish to have your child wear a mask during the day, please send one. Staff will be wearing masks as often as practical.
- We will ask all families to do a daily screening of their children to make sure they are feeling well before bringing to our child care center. Also children that become sick during the day will need to be picked up quickly to reduce any potential illness spread.

Summer School:

- As I have been saying in previous Friday Follow-up videos, we cannot have any in school classes until at least July. I will let you all know if that timeline is extended as soon as I know.
- Drivers Education and some credit recovery will begin next week through an online option.
- Nobody knows what new mandates may be coming or how the opening of the state will affect the course of the virus, but we will continue to monitor our options and if possible have some summer school activities later in July or early August. Our preference would be to have some opportunity, to again have students in the building, with appropriate safety measures and procedures in place. If not, we would at least provide some fun learning activities for students to do at home.
- All of this is subject to changes based on state mandates and local health department guidelines. Please stayed tuned for additional information during the summer.

Summer Projects and more:

- You probably noticed that the parking lot work has begun. This repaving has been a part of our 10 year plan and the cost will be taken from a special state approved fund that was opened and has been growing for the past 5 years to prevent our use of current general funds needed for other purposes
- Inside activity on projects will start out slowly as we continue to follow safe guidelines including social distancing expectations. Those projects will include installation of cost efficient LED lights in some areas and the remodeling of the middle school restrooms, as well as regular painting and minor maintenance.
- The Fitness Center still remains closed as part of the school closure until June 30th as directed by the Health Department.

Thank You!

- As always the district staff thanks you for your appreciation of what we are doing to provide support to your children during this pandemic in a socially safe manner.
- Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding upcoming plans and you will be directed to the best person to answer them.
- Have a Great Weekend!
- We Are Clayton!